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for detachably connecting to a stud formed on another like forceps, and a resilient pliable member mounted on the jaw segment having the encompassing gripping surface and in overlying relation with respect to said surface; said member being flexed by said segment having the protruding gripping surface when said jaw segments are in gripping relation.

4. Surgical forceps comprising a pair of jaw segments operatively connected together for movement into and out of gripping relation, the gripping surface of one of said jaw segments being provided with an elongated rib and the gripping surface of the other jaw segment being provided with an elongated recessed portion for accommodating in spaced relation said rib, when said jaw segments are in gripping relation, and a resilient pliable member mounted on the jaw segment having the recessed gripping surface portion and in overlying relation with respect to said recessed portion, said member being flexed by said rib and remaining in spaced relation with respect to said recessed portion when said jaw segments are in gripping relation.

5. Surgical forceps comprising a pair of jaw segments operatively connected together for movement into and out of gripping relation, the gripping surface of one of said jaw segments being provided with a protruding elongated substantially rectilinear rib having the periphery thereof provided with a plurality of helical grooves and the gripping surface of said other jaw segment being substantially concave and adapted to accommodate in spaced relation said rib when said jaw segments are in

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gripping relation, and a resilient pliable sleeve detachably embracing the jaw segment having the concave gripping surface, said sleeve having a portion thereof disposed in spaced overlying relation with respect to said concave gripping surface, said overlying sleeve portion being engaged and flexed by said rib and remaining in spaced relation with respect to said concave surface, when said jaw segments are in gripping relation.

6. Surgical forceps comprising a pair of complementary jaw segments operatively connected to one another for movement into and out of gripping relation, the gripping surface of one jaw segment having a substantially concaved portion and the gripping surface of the other jaw segment having a substantially convexed portion, and a resilient pliable member mounted on the jaw segment having the concaved surface portion and being in spaced overlying relation with respect to said concaved portion, said member being flexed by said convexed surface portion and remaining in spaced relation with respect to said concaved portion, when said segments are in gripping relation.

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